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Defense Distribution Depot San Joaquin, Calif., receives installation excellence award

TRACY, Calif. – Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld announced July 12 that Defense Distribution Depot San Joaquin, Calif. (DDJC), located in Tracy and Lathrop, was selected as a winner of the 2005 Commander-in-Chief's Annual Award for Installation Excellence. The award recognizes the outstanding and innovative efforts of the people who operate and maintain U.S. military installations.

DDJC is the Defense Logistics Agency's western strategic distribution platform and employs 1,500 employees while serving as the host installation for more than 1,200 employees of over 20 Department of Defense and other government organizations and activities including the U.S. Army and U.S. Air Force Exchange Systems and the General Services Administration's western distribution centers.

DDJC processes the receipt, storage and shipment of more than 5 million requisitions annually with an inventory of 766,000 items valued at \$4.6 billion, which includes clothing and textiles,

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food, medical supplies, construction materials, electrical supplies/components, vehicle and aircraft tires, and a wide array of secondary repair parts.

DDJC was commended for increasing productivity while obtaining a corresponding decrease in shipping costs. The award recognizes DDJC's strategies and ongoing efforts in the areas of customer support, workforce improvements, environmental compliance and support services.

"DDJC is continuing on its journey to performance excellence through delivery of ever-improving value to its stakeholders, contributing to our Warfighters's success, while being good stewards of the resources entrusted to our care," said DDJC Commander, Army Col. Doug Serrano. "Our motto is 'Quiet Excellence,' reflected in our customer-driven focus on the future, organizational and personal learning, managing for innovation and management by fact in order to focus on results and creating value for our stakeholders."

DDJC is a field activity of the Defense Distribution Center headquartered in New Cumberland, Pa.

Defense Distribution Center, New Cumberland, Pa., is the Defense Logistics Agency's Lead Center for Distribution. DLA provides supply support and technical and logistics services to the military services and to several civilian agencies. Headquartered at Fort Belvoir, Va., DLA is the one source for nearly every consumable item, whether for combat readiness, emergency preparedness or day-to-day operations.



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